

## **2014 WALK THROUGH HOLLY WEEK (Prayer Walk)**

Stations located outside the chapel, down the hallway and in the Prayer Room.

Set up for Holy Week – (Palm Sunday through Easter)

Advertise on FB and in the bulletin.

Make small signs with instructions to post at each station.

### **1. Desert Station – Hallway on way to Prayer Room**

**Supplies:** Desert Box, red construction paper hearts, pencils, 2 baskets

**Verse:** “I cared for you in the wilderness, in the land of drought.” Hosea 13:5

Many important events in the Bible took place in the desert. What we call “desert” or “wilderness” times can be difficult and lonely. But these are also times when God can speak to us, get our attention and when our thoughts turn to God.

#### **Directions:**

1. Write something in the sand that gets in the way of your relationship with God. Then, wipe it clean.
2. Say a prayer thanking God for his grace that wipes away our sins.
3. Next select a red heart from the basket. Now that your heart is open, take a moment to think how Jesus gave his life for you. Consider how you can give him your heart. Write on the heart one thing you can give Jesus this week that will help you grow closer to him. Take your heart with you as a reminder.

### **2. Easter Lily Prayers Station – Hallway opposite chapel**

**Supplies:** white paper, scissors, green pipe cleaners, pencils, green floral tape, basket, Parable of the Lily

**Verse:** “I will be like the dew to Israel; he will blossom like a lily.” Hosea 14:5

Look at the flower bulb. It is a lily bulb. Lilies bloom from bulbs that look dry and dead. A lily is a symbol of new life and a symbol of Easter that reminds us of Jesus. (On Easter Sunday, our church will be filled with lovely lilies!) When Jesus died, everyone believed that was the end – like this dead, dry bulb. Their hearts were filled with sadness and questions. But God had a different plan – a big surprise. Three days later, Jesus rose from the dead. Jesus is alive today – like the lovely lily bloom.

#### **Directions:**

1. Trace your hand on a piece of white paper and cut it out. Use a pencil to write a prayer of praise to God across the palm or on the fingers of the lily. (Praises tell how awesome, amazing, loving and kind God is).
2. Next wrap the cut out lily (so that the words are on the inside) around a green chenille stem and tape together.
3. You can curl the petals by wrapping around a pencil.
4. Place the lily in the container. We'll use these to decorate on Easter Sunday.

### **3. Water and Stone Station – Hallway outside chapel (need plug)**

**Supplies:** stones, bowl, fountain

**Verse:** “May your unfailing love be with us, LORD, even as we put our hope in you.” Psalm 33:22

Just like the flowing water in this fountain, God's love for us flows freely. God's love is never-ending, unfailing, always and forever! He makes us new! He heals our hearts.

**Directions:**

1. Take one stone and wet it in the flowing water in the fountain. Then place it in the bowl as you remember someone who is hurting. Pray for God to comfort and heal that person's hurts.
2. Pray for God to forgive those who hurt you with their words or actions.

**4. Prayer Bead Station - Prayer Room**

**Supplies:** prayer beads, prayer cards, basket

**Verse:** "This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us." 1 John 5:14

God has promised to always hear ALL our prayers. How amazing is it that the awesome, mighty God of the universe not only listens to us, but LONGS to be close to us. When we pray it is a way to bring us closer to God – just like talking with our friends helps our relationship grow and get closer. Prayer beads can help us talk to God.

1. Choose a bead strand from the basket and use the prayer card to help you pray.
2. Please leave the beads and cards for those who will come after you.

**5. Communion Station – Prayer Room**

**Supplies:** Communion elements

**Verse:** "Do this in remembrance of me." Luke 22:19b

When Jesus ate the Last Supper with his disciples, he told them to eat the bread and drink the wine/juice and remember him. When we celebrate Communion at church, we remember Jesus and his great love for us. Jesus willingly died so that our sins could be forgiven and so we could be together with God again, as it was meant to be.

**Directions:**

1. Read the prayers posted on the table. Then serve each other Communion – give the wafer and say, "This is Jesus' body, broken for you."
2. Dip the wafer into the juice, saying, "This is Jesus' blood, shed for you."
3. As you eat, say a silent prayer thanking Jesus for loving us so much that he died for us.

**6. Holy Week Bookmark – Outside chapel**

**Supplies:** Bookmarks, basket

**Verse:** "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him will not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16

This week is called Holy Week. It begins with Palm Sunday and ends with Easter Sunday. Many important events happened during this last week of Jesus' life. During this week, Christians all over the world will be thinking about Jesus' last week with his friends, praying and remembering the great sacrifice Jesus made for us because of his great love. One way to make this week special is to read the Bible accounts of Holy Week.

**Directions:**

Take a bookmark home and as a family read the scriptures written on it this week.